

NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE CALLS  
FOR FOUR-YEAR HOUSE TERMS**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 18, 1999*

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, on March 3, 1999, the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature passed Legislative Resolution No. 10. The resolution petitions Congress to amend the Constitution to increase the terms of members of the House of Representatives to four years.

This is a matter that merits serious debate and consideration. I call the text of the Resolution to the attention of my colleagues, as follows:

NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE,  
NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE,  
*Lincoln, NE, March 4, 1999.*

Hon. LEE TERRY,  
*U.S. House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TERRY: I have enclosed a copy of engrossed Legislative Resolution No. 10 adopted by the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature on the third day of March 1999. The members of the Legislature have directed me to request that the petition be entered into the Congressional Record.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding Legislative Resolution No. 10.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

PATRICK J. O'DONNELL,  
*Clerk of the Legislature.*

Enclosure.

NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION,  
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10

Whereas, members of and candidates for the United States House of Representatives are elected every two years virtually requiring continual campaigning and fundraising; and

Whereas, the delegates to the 1788 Constitutional Convention discussed whether the term of office for a representative should be one year or three years and compromised on a two-year term; and

Whereas, communications systems and travel accommodations have improved over the last two hundred years which allows quicker and easier communication with constituents and more direct contact;

Whereas, the American people would be better served by having the members of the House of Representatives focus on issues and matters before the Congress rather than constantly running a campaign; and

Whereas, a biennial election of one-half of the members of the House of Representatives would still allow the American people to express their will every two years: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the members of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session:*

1. That the Legislature hereby petitions the Congress of the United States to propose to the states an amendment to Article I, section 2, of the United States Constitution that would increase the length of the terms of office for members of the House of Representatives from two years to four years with one-half of the members' terms expiring every two years.

2. That official copies of this resolution be prepared and forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate of the Congress of the United

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States and to all members of the Nebraska delegation to the Congress of the United States, with the request that it be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States.

3. That a copy of the resolution be prepared and forwarded to President William J. Clinton.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FUTURE  
LEADERS OF COLORADO**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 18, 1999*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the participants of my first annual Young Adults Leadership Conference held in Weld County, Colorado. On February 27, 1999, 18 teenage students spent the afternoon participating in a political and networking seminar. Later that evening the students utilized what they had learned at the Weld County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner.

I am honored to have met the following participants: Jeff Armour, Sara Asmus, Darren Call, DeaAnna Call, Donnell Call, Brady Duggan, Kevin P. Duggan, Casey Johnson, Darrick Johnson, Trent Leisy, Tia McDonald, Jenny Moore, Christopher S. Ong, Mary Beth Ong, Helena Pagano, Elizabeth Peetz, Timothy Romig, and Jeff Runyan.

I established the Leadership Conference to encourage political participation by the younger generation. At the conference, elected officials and community leaders led the students in discussing several different aspects of politics. Greeley Councilman Avery Amaya began the seminar with a discussion of local politics. Avery was followed by Bill Garcia, a political consultant, who spoke about political polls.

Lea Faulkner, a local media personality and former Greeley City Council member, conducted a hands-on learning experience about networking skills. The participants also had the opportunity to discuss issues with Colorado State Senator Dave Owen. Additionally, Anne Miller, Chairperson of the Colorado College Republicans invited the students to attend the College Republican's next meeting.

I, too, had the honor of visiting with the students. We discussed the importance of good communication and how all effective organizations must communicate well.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have met these young adults and am confident of their abilities to lead America in the future. This select group of young leaders has the integrity and values needed to ensure a virtuous Colorado and United States in the next century.

A VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN—  
RAYMOND R. "ANDY" GUEST

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with our colleagues a recent editorial from The Winchester Star which so eloquently speaks

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about a true "citizen-legislator," Raymond R. "Andy" Guest of Front Royal, who has announced his retirement as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly, where he served for nearly three decades.

I am proud to call Andy Guest my constituent and friend, and am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him in public service to so many of the constituents we share from the Shenandoah Valley. On behalf of those people of the Valley, I wish Andy and His wife, Mary Scott, all the best wherever his path now as "citizen" leads.

[From The Winchester Star, March 2, 1999]

VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN—GUEST PERSONIFIED  
LEGISLATIVE TRADITION

It comes as no small surprise that when the time came for Raymond R. "Andy" Guest Jr. to announce his retirement from the General Assembly he was "overwhelmed" by "the history, the tradition" that surrounds anyone in Virginia's State Capitol. But then, Andy Guest is not "anyone"; 28 years a man of the House, he was emblematic of that tradition the Old Dominion so admires in her lawmakers, that of "citizen-legislator."

"To continue that tradition was a great honor," Mr. Guest said Sunday, roughly 24 hours after announcing his intention to leave the House, and the people, he served for nearly three decades.

However, the tradition to which he stood heir goes deeper than ties to Virginia. In a real sense, he was to the manner born; his father, Raymond Sr., also served in the General Assembly and was U.S. ambassador to Ireland. Thus, as his wife, Mary Scott, succinctly said. "He was born to be a public servant."

And, as a public servant, he will be dearly missed, by his peers no less than his constituents. Among the men and women with whom he engaged in the legislative hurly-burly he will be remembered as the gentleman he is.

"Sometimes we use the word . . . a little too freely," said House Speaker Thomas W. Moss, D-Norfolk, with whom Guest often tangled, "but I've never known him to be anything but a gentleman."

Likewise, said state Sen. H. Russell Potts Jr., R-Winchester: "We have lost a good man. His integrity and character exude the class that typifies a Virginia gentleman. He leaves a void that will never be replaced."

That "void" is considerable, in that Mr. Guest's voice was one of clear common sense and consistent conservatism, particularly of the fiscal variety. In his last session, he raised words of concern about the manner in which the state treats its surplus revenue (see editorial above). He is worried, as are we, that these dollars will be used to "grow the government," rather than as a tool to fund needed capital expenditures.

Such a concern was true to form. As a minority member of the legislature for most all his 28 years in the House—he was minority leader for six of them—Mr. Guest often found himself "chipping away" at the system in hopes that it would run better. Frequently, this took the form of legislation that bore witness to the needs of his constituents in the northern Valley. He relished in his efforts to make the bureaucracy respond to these needs and to "see things get done."

To be sure, Mr. Guest also will be remembered for his courage in combating lymphatic cancer while maintaining a watchful eye on the General Assembly's proceedings from his Richmond hospital bed. Thankfully,